



# BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear KS1 Families,

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We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break. It has been great to see the children again and how eager they are to be back at school and to learn. A big welcome to our Year 1 families, we are excited to have you join us.

We hope you found the KS1 presentation to families useful. We will be sending it out to all families in case you were not able to attend.

Our topic for this half term is 'Me and My World'. We will be thinking about ourselves as individuals and reflecting on how we have changed from babies to the present day. We will also be observing seasonal changes and taking a local walk to the woods, along with learning about Sir John Walter and his family, also going on a local walk to look at the buildings created in his model village, Sindlesham.

## Homework

### Reading

All children are expected to read everyday at home and this is the main part of their homework. Please comment in the reading diary each time you hear your child read, so that we can congratulate your child. Reading is essential to progress so please try to encourage your child, and hear them read as often as possible.

### Home Learning

All children are encouraged to complete activities from the home learning grid attached. This is not compulsory however, children will be rewarded for completing a task and have a chance to share it with their peers.

### Spellings

In Year 2, we will be sending home key words weekly for the children to learn.

### Maths

For a more engaging Maths learning experience, children will have access to Mathletics which is an online programme. Homework will be set once a week for Year 2 children. In Year 1, we encourage the children to explore all activities available to them.

We ask that all children bring in a named water bottle so that they can drink in class. The bottles can be refilled during the day from a main tap if necessary, and staff will do this for the children.

Please could you also ensure that all uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly as most of the children wear the same size in jumpers, trousers, shirts and shoes!

We always welcome donations of tissue boxes, wet wipes, paper plates and newspaper. 😊

Throughout the year, there will be various letters emailed to families with details about key events, school trips and anything else significant. Please do let the school office know if you are not receiving them.

Thank you in advance for your support this academic year. We can't wait to get stuck in!

Kindest regards.

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